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Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP (“PSW”) is an AV-rated civil litigation firm with offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Minneapolis. The firm specializes in complex litigation, including state coordination cases and federal multi-district litigation. Its attorneys have extensive experience in antitrust, securities, consumer protection, and unlawful employment practices. The firm handles national and multi-national class actions that present cutting-edge issues in both substantive and procedural areas. PSW attorneys understand how to litigate difficult and large cases in an efficient and cost-effective manner, and they have used these skills to obtain outstanding results for their clients, both through trial and negotiated settlement. They are recognized in their field for excellence and integrity, and are committed to seeking justice for their clients.

CASE PROFILES

PSW attorneys currently hold, or have held, a leadership role in the following representative cases:

- *In re National Collegiate Athletic Association Athletic Grant-in-Aid Cap Antitrust Litigation*, Northern District of California, MDL No. 2451. PSW attorneys currently serve as co-lead counsel in this multidistrict litigation that alleges the NCAA and its member conferences violate the antitrust laws by restricting the value of grant-in-aid athletic scholarships and other benefits that college students who are football and basketball players can receive. PSW settled the damages case, recently obtaining final approval of a \$208 million dollar settlement. PSW attorneys with co-counsel have completed a bench trial for the injunctive portion of the case. A verdict for Plaintiffs was awarded, and the case is now on appeal.
- *In re Credit Default Swaps Antitrust Litigation*, Southern District of New York, MDL No. 2476. PSW attorneys served as co-lead counsel and represented the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (“LACERA”) in a class action on behalf of all purchasers and sellers of Credit Default Swaps (“CDS”) against twelve of the world’s largest banks. The lawsuit alleged that the banks, along with other defendants who controlled the market infrastructure for CDS trading, conspired for years to restrain the efficient trading of CDS, thereby inflating the cost to trade CDS. The alleged antitrust

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conspiracy resulted in billions of dollars in economic harm to institutional investors such as pension funds, mutual funds, and insurance companies who used CDS to hedge credit risks on their fixed income portfolios. After nearly three years of litigation and many months of intensive settlement negotiations, PSW helped reach a settlement with the defendants totaling \$1.86 *billion* plus injunctive relief. On April 15, 2016, the Honorable Denise L. Cote granted final approval to the settlement, which is one of the largest civil antitrust settlements in history.

- *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, Northern District of California, MDL No. 1827. PSW served as co-lead counsel for the direct purchaser plaintiffs in this multidistrict litigation arising from the price-fixing of thin film transistor liquid crystal display (“TFT-LCD”) panels. Worldwide, the TFT-LCD industry is a multi-billion dollar industry, and many believe that this was one of the largest price-fixing cases in the United States. PSW helped collect over \$405 million in settlements before the case proceeded to trial against the last remaining defendant, Toshiba Corporation and its related entities. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as co-lead trial counsel, successfully marshaled numerous witnesses, and presented the opening argument. On July 3, 2012, PSW obtained a jury verdict of \$87 million (before trebling) against Toshiba. PSW later settled with Toshiba and AU Optronics to bring the total to \$473 million in settlements. In 2013, California Lawyer Magazine awarded Mr. Simon a California Lawyer of the Year Award for his work in the *TFT-LCD* case.
- *In re Potash Antitrust Litigation (No. II)*, Northern District of Illinois, MDL No. 1996. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as co-lead counsel for the direct purchaser plaintiffs in this multidistrict litigation arising from the price-fixing of potash sold in the United States. After the plaintiffs defeated a motion to dismiss, the defendants appealed, and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals agreed to hear the case *en banc*. Mr. Simon presented oral argument to the *en banc* panel and achieved a unanimous 8-0 decision in his favor. The case resulted in \$90 million in settlements for the direct purchaser plaintiffs, and the Court’s opinion is one of the most significant regarding the scope of international antitrust conspiracies. *See Minn-Chem, Inc. v. Agrum Inc.*, 683 F. 3d 845 (7th Cir. 2012).
- *North American Soccer League, LLC v. United States Soccer Federation, Inc., and Major League Soccer, L.L.C.*, Eastern District of New York, Case No. 1:17-cv-05495-MKB-ST. PSW, along with co-counsel, represents the North American Soccer League in a matter against the United States Soccer Federation and Major League Soccer alleging antitrust violations. The complaint alleges that U.S. Soccer and MLS have driven NASL out of business and have prevented NASL from competing against MLS (the sole Division I league) and the United Soccer League (the sole Division II league), which is affiliated with MLS.
- *In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation*, Northern District of Illinois, Case No. 1:16-cv-08637. PSW attorneys currently serve as interim co-lead counsel on behalf of direct

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- purchaser plaintiffs. The complaint alleges that the nation's largest broiler chicken producers violated antitrust laws by limiting production and manipulating the price indices.
- *In re Pork Antitrust Litigation*, District of Minnesota, Case No. 0:18-cv-01776. PSW attorneys currently serve as interim co-lead counsel on behalf of direct purchaser plaintiffs. The complaint alleges that the nation's largest pork producers violated antitrust laws by limiting production and manipulating the price indices.
 - *Greg Kihn, et al. v. Bill Graham Archives, LLC, et al.*, Northern District of California Case No. 4:17-cv-05343-JSW. PSW attorneys currently serve as Class counsel in this certified copyright class action alleging that defendants broadcasted, continue to broadcast, or otherwise make available to the public, copyrighted musical works of Plaintiffs and the Class without proper licenses, as required under the Copyright Act.
 - *Grace v. Apple, Inc.*, Northern District of California, 5:17-CV-00551. PSW partner Daniel L. Warshaw currently serves as class counsel in this California certified class action on behalf of consumers who allege Apple intentionally broke its "FaceTime" video conferencing feature for Apple iPhone 4 or iPhone 4S users operating on iOS 6 or earlier.
 - *In re Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, District of New Mexico, Case No. 1:16-md-02695-JB-LF. PSW partner Melissa S. Weiner chairs the Executive Committee and PSW partner Daniel L. Warshaw serves on the executive committee. This class action alleges that defendants' "natural" and "additive free" claims on their tobacco products were false and misleading to consumers.
 - *In re Keurig Green Mountain Single-Serving Coffee Antitrust Litigation*, Southern District of New York, MDL No. 2542. In June 2014, Judge Vernon S. Broderick appointed PSW to serve as interim co-lead counsel on behalf of indirect purchaser plaintiffs in this multidistrict class action litigation. The case arises from the alleged unlawful monopolization of the United States market for single-serve coffee packs by Keurig Green Mountain, Inc. Keurig's alleged anticompetitive conduct includes acquiring competitors, entering into exclusionary agreements with suppliers and distributors to prevent competitors from entering the market, engaging in sham patent infringement litigation, and redesigning the single-serve coffee pack products in the next version of its brewing system to lock out competitors' products.
 - *Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al.*, Northern District of California, Case No. 14-cv-0608. PSW attorneys currently serve as co-lead counsel in this certified class action and FLSA collective action on behalf of minor league baseball players who allege that Major League Baseball and its member franchises violate the FLSA and state wage and hour laws by failing to pay minor league baseball players minimum wage and overtime.

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- *In re KIND LLC “Healthy and All Natural” Litigation*, Southern District of New York, MDL No. 2645. PSW partner Daniel L. Warshaw currently serves as interim co-lead counsel in this multistate class action on behalf of consumers who allege that they purchased KIND snack bars that were falsely advertised as “all natural,” “non-GMO,” and/or “healthy.”
- *Trepte v. Bionaire, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC540110. PSW attorneys served as Class Counsel in this certified class action alleging that the defendant sold defective space heaters. The complaint alleged that defendant breached the warranty and falsely advertised the safety of the heaters due to design defects that cause the heaters to fail – and, as a result of the failure, the heaters could spark, smoke and catch fire. Final approval of the class settlement was recently granted.
- *In re Carrier IQ Consumer Privacy Litigation*, Northern District of California, MDL No. 2330. PSW attorneys served as interim co-lead counsel in this putative nationwide class action on behalf of consumers who alleged privacy violations arising from software installed on their mobile devices that was logging text messages and other sensitive information.
- *Sciortino, et al. v. PepsiCo, Inc.*, Northern District of California, Case No. 14-cv-0478. PSW attorneys served as interim co-lead counsel in this putative California class action on behalf of consumers who alleged that PepsiCo failed to warn them that certain of its sodas contain excess levels of a chemical called 4-Methylimidazole in violation of Proposition 65 and California consumer protection statutes.
- *James v. UMG Recordings, Inc.*, Northern District of California, Case No. 11-cv-01613. PSW partner Daniel L. Warshaw served as interim co-lead counsel in this putative nationwide class action on behalf of recording artists and music producers who alleged that they had been systematically underpaid royalties by the record company UMG.
- *In re Warner Music Group Corp. Digital Downloads Litigation*, Northern District of California, Case No. 12-cv-00559. PSW attorneys served as interim co-lead counsel, with partner Bruce L. Simon serving as chairman of a five-firm executive committee, in this putative nationwide class action on behalf of recording artists and music producers who alleged that they had been systematically underpaid royalties by the record company Warner Music Group.
- *In re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litigation*, Northern District of California, MDL No. 1486. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as co-chair of discovery and as a member of the trial preparation team in this multidistrict litigation arising from the price-fixing of DRAM, a form of computer memory. Mr. Simon was responsible for supervising and coordinating the review of almost a terabyte of electronic documents, setting and taking depositions, establishing and implementing protocols for cooperation between the direct and indirect plaintiffs as well as the Department of Justice, presenting

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oral arguments on discovery matters, working with defendants on evidentiary issues in preparation for trial, and preparation of a comprehensive pretrial statement. Shortly before the scheduled trial, class counsel reached settlements with the last remaining defendants, bringing the total value of the class settlements to over \$325 million.

- *In re Methionine Antitrust Litigation*, Northern District of California, MDL No. 1311. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as co-lead counsel in this nationwide antitrust class action involving a conspiracy to fix prices of, and allocate the markets for, methionine. Mr. Simon was personally responsible for many of the discovery aspects of the case including electronic document productions, coordination of document review teams, and depositions. Mr. Simon argued pretrial motions, prepared experts, and assisted in the preparation of most pleadings presented to the Court. This action resulted in over \$100 million in settlement recovery for the Class.
- *In re Sodium Gluconate Antitrust Litigation*, Northern District of California, MDL No. 1226. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as class counsel in this consolidated antitrust class action arising from the price-fixing of sodium gluconate. Mr. Simon was selected by Judge Claudia Wilken to serve as lead counsel amongst many other candidates for that position, and successfully led the case to class certification and settlement.
- *In re Citric Acid Antitrust Litigation*, Northern District of California, MDL No. 1092. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as class counsel in antitrust class actions against Archer-Daniels Midland Co. and others for their conspiracy to fix the prices of citric acid, a food additive product. Mr. Simon was one of the principal attorneys involved in discovery in this matter. This proceeding resulted in over \$80 million settlements for the direct purchasers.
- *Olson v. Volkswagen of America, Inc.*, Central District of California, Case No. CV07-05334. PSW attorneys brought this class action lawsuit against Volkswagen alleging that the service manual incorrectly stated the inspection and replacement intervals for timing belts on Audi and Volkswagen branded vehicles equipped with a 1.8 liter turbo-charged engine. This case resulted in a nationwide class settlement.
- *Swain et al. v. Eel River Sawmills, Inc. et al.*, California Superior Court, DR-01-0216. Bruce L. Simon served as lead trial counsel for a class of former employees of a timber company whose retirement plan was lost through management's investment of plan assets in an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Mr. Simon negotiated a substantial settlement on the eve of trial resulting in a recovery of approximately 40% to 50% of plaintiffs' damages after attorneys' fees and costs.
- *In re Homestore Litigation*, Central District of California, Master File No. 01-11115. PSW attorneys served as liaison counsel and class counsel for plaintiff CalSTRS in this securities class action. The case resulted in over \$100 million in settlements to the Class.

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- *In re MP3.Com, Inc., Securities Litigation*, Southern District of California, Master File No. 00-CV-1873. PSW attorneys served as defense counsel in this class action involving alleged securities violations under Rule 10b-5.
- *In re Automotive Refinishing Paint Cases*, Alameda County Superior Court, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4199. PSW attorneys served as class counsel with other law firms in this coordinated antitrust class action alleging a conspiracy by defendants to fix the price of automotive refinishing products.
- *In re Beer Antitrust Litigation*, Northern District of California, Case No. 97-20644 SW. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as primary counsel in this antitrust class action brought on behalf of independent micro-breweries against Anheuser-Busch, Inc., for its attempt to monopolize the beer industry in the United States by denying access to distribution channels.
- *In re Commercial Tissue Products Public Entity Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litigation*, San Francisco Superior Court, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4027. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as co-lead counsel for the public entity purchaser class in this antitrust action arising from the price-fixing of commercial sanitary paper products.
- *Hart v. Central Sprinkler Corporation*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC176727. PSW attorneys served as class counsel in this consumer class action arising from the sale of nine million defective fire sprinkler heads. This case resulted in a nationwide class settlement valued at approximately \$37.5 million.
- *Rueda v. Schlumberger Resources Management Services, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC235471. PSW attorneys served as class counsel with other law firms representing customers of the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (“LADWP”) who had lead-leaching water meters installed on their properties. The Court granted final approval of the settlement whereby defendant would pay \$1.5 million to a *cypres* fund to benefit the Class and to make grants to LADWP to assist in implementing a replacement program to the effected water meters.
- *In re Louisiana-Pacific Corp. Inner-Seal OSB Trade Practices Litigation*, Northern District of California, MDL No. 1114. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon worked on this nationwide product defect class action brought under the Lanham Act. The proposed class was certified, and a class settlement was finally approved by Chief Judge Vaughn Walker.
- *In re iPod nano Cases*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4469. PSW attorneys were appointed co-lead counsel for this class action brought on behalf of California consumers who own defective iPod nanos. The case resulted in a favorable settlement.

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- *Unity Entertainment Corp. v. MP3.Com*, Central District of California, Case No. 00-11868. PSW attorneys served as defense counsel in this class action alleging copyright infringement.
- *Vallier v. Jet Propulsion Laboratory*, Central District of California, Case No. CV97-1171. PSW attorneys served as lead counsel in this toxic tort action involving 50 cancer victims and their families.
- *Nguyen v. First USA N.A.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC222846. PSW attorneys served as class counsel on behalf of approximately four million First USA credit card holders whose information was sold to third party vendors without their consent. This case ultimately settled for an extremely valuable permanent injunction plus disgorgement of profits to worthy charities.
- *Morales v. Associates First Financial Capital Corporation*, San Francisco Superior Court, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4197. PSW attorneys served as class counsel in this case arising from the wrongful sale of credit insurance in connection with personal and real estate-secured loans. This case resulted in an extraordinary \$240 million recovery for the Class.
- *In re AEFA Overtime Cases*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4321. PSW attorneys served as class counsel in this overtime class action on behalf of American Express Financial Advisors, which resulted in an outstanding class-wide settlement.
- *Khan v. Denny's Holdings, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC177254. PSW attorneys settled a class action lawsuit against Denny's for non-payment of overtime wages to its managers and general managers.
- *Kosnik v. Carrows Restaurants, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC219809. PSW attorneys settled a class action lawsuit against Carrows Restaurants for non-payment of overtime wages to its assistant managers and managers.
- *Castillo v. Pizza Hut, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC318765. PSW attorneys served as lead class counsel in this California class action brought by delivery drivers who claimed they were not adequately compensated for use of their personally owned vehicles. This case resulted in a statewide class settlement.
- *Baker v. Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC286131. PSW attorneys served as class counsel for investors who were charged a fee for transferring out assets between June 1, 2002 and May 31, 2003. This case resulted in a nationwide class settlement.

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- *Eallonardo v. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC286950. PSW attorneys served as class counsel on behalf a nationwide class of consumers who purchased DVDs manufactured by defendants. Plaintiffs alleged that defendants engaged in false and misleading advertising relating to the sale of its DVDs. This case resulted in a nationwide class settlement.
- *Gaeta v. Centinela Feed, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC342524. PSW attorneys served as defense counsel in this class action involving alleged failures to pay wages, overtime, employee expenses, waiting time penalties, and failure to provide meal and rest periods and to furnish timely and accurate wage statements.
- *Leiber v. Consumer Empowerment Bv A/K/A Fasttrack*, Central District of California, Case No. CV 01-09923. PSW attorneys served as defense counsel in this class action involving copyrighted music that was made available through a computer file sharing service without the publishers' permission.
- *Higgs v. SUSA California, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC372745. PSW attorneys are serving as co-lead class counsel representing California consumers who entered into rental agreements for the use of self-storage facilities owned by defendants. In this certified class action, plaintiffs allege that defendants wrongfully denied access to the self-storage facility and/or charged excessive pre-foreclosure fees.
- *Fournier v. Lockheed Litigation*, Los Angeles County Superior Court. PSW attorneys served as counsel for 1,350 residents living at or near the Skunks-Works Facility in Burbank. The case resolved with a substantial confidential settlement for plaintiffs.
- *Nasseri v. CytoSport, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 439181. PSW attorneys served as class counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of consumers who purchased CytoSport's popular protein powders, ready to drink protein beverages, and other "supplement" products. Plaintiffs alleged that these supplements contain excessive amounts of lead, cadmium and arsenic in amounts that exceed Proposition 65 and negate CytoSport's health claims regarding the products. The case resulted in a nationwide class action settlement which provided monetary relief to the class members and required the reformulation of CytoSport supplement products.
- *In re Samsung Top-Load Washing Machine Marketing, Sales Practice and Products Liability Litigation*, Western District of Oklahoma, Case No. 5:17-ml-02792-D. Plaintiffs allege that the top-load washing machines contain defects that cause them to leak and explode. PSW Partner Melissa S. Weiner was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in this multi-district class action.

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ATTORNEY PROFILES

PARTNERS

CLIFFORD H. PEARSON

Clifford H. Pearson is a civil litigator and business lawyer focusing on complex litigation, class actions, and business law. In 2013 and 2016, Mr. Pearson was named by the *Daily Journal* as one of the Top 100 lawyers in California. Additionally, Mr. Pearson was named as one of the *Daily Journal*'s 2019 Top Plaintiff Lawyers. He was instrumental in negotiating a landmark settlement totaling \$1.86 billion in *In re Credit Default Swaps Antitrust Litigation*, a case alleging a conspiracy among the world's largest banks to maintain opacity of the credit default swaps market. Mr. Pearson also negotiated \$473 million in combined settlements in *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, an antitrust case in the Northern District of California that alleged a decade-long conspiracy to fix the prices of TFT-LCD panels, \$209 million in *In re NCAA Grant-in-aid Antitrust Litigation*, and over \$90 million in *In re Potash Antitrust Litigation*, an antitrust case in the Northern District of Illinois that alleged price fixing by Russian, Belarusian and North American producers of potash, a main ingredient used in fertilizer.

Before creating the firm in 2006, Mr. Pearson was a partner at one of the largest firms in the San Fernando Valley, where he worked for 22 years. There, he represented aggrieved individuals, investors and employees in a wide variety of contexts, including toxic torts, consumer protection and wage and hour cases. Over his 35-plus year career, Mr. Pearson has successfully negotiated substantial settlements on behalf of consumers, small businesses and companies. In recognition of his outstanding work on behalf of clients, Mr. Pearson has been regularly selected by his peers as a Super Lawyer (representing the top 5% of practicing lawyers in Southern California). He has also attained Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating (AV) for legal ability and ethical standards.

Mr. Pearson is an active member of the American Bar Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Consumer Attorneys of California, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, and Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

Current Cases:

- *In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Ill.)
- *In Re Pork Antitrust Litigation* (D. Minn.)
- *Trepte v. Bionaire, Inc.* (Cal. Sup. Ct.)
- *North American Soccer League, LLC v. United States Soccer Federation, Inc., and Major League Soccer, L.L.C.* (E.D.N.Y.)

Education:

- Whittier Law School, Los Angeles, California – J.D. – 1981
- University of Miami, Miami, Florida – M.B.A. – 1978

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- Carleton University, Ontario, Canada – B.A. – 1976

Bar Admissions:

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Professional Associations and Memberships:

- American Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association

BRUCE L. SIMON

Bruce L. Simon is a partner emeritus at Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP and has lead the firm to national prominence. Mr. Simon specializes in complex cases involving antitrust, consumer fraud and securities. He has served as lead counsel in many business cases with national and global impact.

In 2019, Mr. Simon was named as one of the *Daily Journal's* Top Plaintiff Lawyers. In 2018, Mr. Simon was awarded "Antitrust Lawyer of the Year" by the California Lawyers Association. In 2013 and 2016, Mr. Simon was chosen by the *Daily Journal* as one of the Top 100 attorneys in California. In 2013, he received the California Lawyer of the Year award from *California Lawyer Magazine* and was selected as one of seven finalists for Consumer Attorney of the Year by Consumer Attorneys of California for his work in *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1827 (N.D. Cal.). That year, Mr. Simon was included in the Top 100 of California's "Super Lawyers" and has been named a "Super Lawyer" every year since 2003. He has attained Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating (AV) for legal ability and ethical standards.

Mr. Simon was co-lead class counsel in *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, a case that lasted over five years and resulted in \$473 million recovered for the direct purchaser plaintiffs. Mr. Simon served as co-lead trial counsel and was instrumental in obtaining an \$87 million jury verdict (before trebling). He presented the opening argument and marshalled numerous witnesses during the six-week trial.

Also, Mr. Simon was co-lead class counsel in *In re Credit Default Swaps Antitrust Litigation*, a case alleging a conspiracy among the world's largest banks to maintain opacity of the credit default swaps market as a means of maintaining supracompetitive prices of bid/ask spreads.

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More recently, Mr. Simon completed the trial seeking injunctive relief in the *In re National Collegiate Athletic Association Athletic Grant-in-Aid Cap Antitrust Litigation*. The plaintiffs allege that the NCAA and its member conferences violate the antitrust laws by restricting the value of grant-in-aid athletic scholarships and other benefits that college football and basketball players can receive.

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Reported Cases:

- *Minn-Chem, Inc. et al. v. Agrium Inc., et al.*, 683 F.3d 845 (7th Cir. 2012)

Education:

- University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California – J.D. – 1980
- University of California, Berkeley, California – A.B. – 1977

Bar Admissions:

- California
- Supreme Court of the United States
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

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- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Recent Publications:

- Class Certification Procedure, Ch. V, ABA Antitrust Class Actions Handbook (3d ed.), (forthcoming)
- Reverse Engineering Your Antitrust Case: Plan for Trial Even Before You File Your Case, Antitrust, Vol. 28, No. 2, Spring 2014
- *The Ownership/Control Exception to Illinois Brick in Hi-Tech Component Cases: A Rule That Recognizes the Realities of Corporate Price Fixing*, ABA International Cartel Workshop February 2014
- *Matthew Bender Practice Guide: California Unfair Competition and Business Torts*, LexisNexis, with Justice Conrad L. Rushing and Judge Elia Weinbach (Updated 2013)
- *The Questionable Use of Rule 11 Motions to Limit Discovery and Eliminate Allegations in Civil Antitrust Complaints in the United States*, ABA International Cartel Workshop February 2012

Professional Associations and Memberships:

- California State Bar Antitrust and Unfair Competition Section, Advisor and Past Chair
- ABA Global Private Litigation Committee, Co-Chair
- ABA International Cartel Workshop, Steering Committee
- American Association for Justice, Business Torts Section, Past Chair
- Business Torts Section of the American Trial Lawyers Association, Past Chair
- Hastings College of the Law, Board of Directors (2003-2015), Past Chair (2009-2011)

DANIEL L. WARSHAW

Daniel L. Warshaw is a civil litigator and trial lawyer who focuses on complex litigation, class actions, and consumer protection. Mr. Warshaw has held leadership roles in numerous state, federal and multidistrict class actions, and obtained significant recoveries for class members in many cases. These cases have included, among other things, antitrust violations, high-technology products, automotive parts, entertainment royalties, intellectual property and false and misleading advertising. Mr. Warshaw has also represented employees in a variety of class actions, including wage and hour, misclassification and other Labor Code violations.

Mr. Warshaw played an integral role in several of the firm's groundbreaking cases. In the *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, he assisted in leading this multidistrict to trial and securing \$473 million in recoveries to the direct purchaser plaintiff class. After the firm was appointed as interim co-lead counsel in *In re Credit Default Swaps Antitrust Litigation*, Mr. Warshaw along with his partners and co-counsel successfully secured a \$1.86 billion settlement on behalf of the class.

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Mr. Warshaw’s cases have received significant attention in the press, and Mr. Warshaw has been profiled by the *Daily Journal* for his work in the digital download music cases. In 2019 and 2020, Mr. Warshaw was named as one of the Daily Journal’s Top Plaintiff Lawyers. And in 2020 he was also named one of the Daily Journal’s Top Antitrust Lawyers. Additionally, Mr. Warshaw has been selected by his peers as a Super Lawyer (representing the top 5% of practicing lawyers in Southern California) every year since 2005. He has also attained Martindale-Hubbell’s highest rating (AV) for legal ability and ethical standards.

Mr. Warshaw has assisted in the preparation of two Rutter Group practice guides: *Federal Civil Trials & Evidence* and *Civil Claims and Defenses*. Mr. Warshaw is the founder and Chair of the Class Action Roundtable. The purpose of the Roundtable is to facilitate a high-level exchange of ideas and in-depth dialogue on class action litigation.

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- *In re KIND LLC “Healthy and All Natural” Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.)
- *In Re Pork Antitrust Litigation* (D. Minn.)
- *In re. Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation* (D. N.M.)
- *Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al.* (N.D. Cal.)

Education:

- Whittier Law School, Los Angeles, California – J.D. – 1996
- University of Southern California – B.A. – 1992

Bar Admissions:

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

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- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

Professional Associations and Memberships:

- American Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Board Member
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Complex Court Committee, Member
- Plaintiffs' Class Action Roundtable, Chair

BOBBY POUYA

Bobby Pouya is a partner in the firm's Los Angeles office, focusing on complex litigation, class actions, and consumer protection. Mr. Pouya has been an attorney with Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP since 2007, and has extensive experience in representing clients in a variety of contexts. He has served as a primary member of the litigation team in multiple cases that resulted in class certification or a class-wide settlement, including cases that involved high-technology products, price fixing, consumer safety and false and misleading advertising. The cases that Mr. Pouya has worked on have resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in judgments and settlements on behalf of effected plaintiffs and class members.

Mr. Pouya has served as one of the attorneys representing direct purchaser plaintiffs in several complex antitrust cases, including *In re Polyurethane Foam Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Ohio) and *In re Fresh and Processed Potatoes Antitrust Litigation* (D. Idaho). Mr. Pouya is currently actively involved in the prosecution of *In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Ill), *In re Pork Antitrust Litigation* (D. Minn.), *Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al.* (N.D. Cal.), as well as several prominent consumer class action lawsuits.

Mr. Pouya's success has earned him recognition by his peers as a Super Lawyers Rising Star (representing the top 2.5% of lawyers in Southern California age 40 or younger or in practice for 10 years or less) every year since 2008. Mr. Pouya earned his Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2006, where he received a certificate in dispute resolution from the prestigious Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution and participated on the interschool trial and mediation advocacy teams, the Dispute Resolution Law Journal and the Moot Court Board.

Current Cases:

- *In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Ill)
- *In Re Pork Antitrust Litigation* (D. Minn.)
- *In Re Cattle Antitrust Litigation* (D. Minn)
- *Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al.* (N.D. Cal.)

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- *Greg Kihn, et al. v. Bill Graham Archives, LLC, et al.* (N.D. Cal.)

Education:

- Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California – J.D. – 2006
- University of California, Santa Barbara, California – B.A., with honors – 2003

Publications:

- *Should Offers Moot Claims?*, Daily Journal, Oct. 10, 2014
- *Central District Local Rules Hinder Class Certification*, Daily Journal, April 9, 2013

Bar Admissions:

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Professional Associations and Memberships:

- American Bar Association
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association

Professional Associations and Memberships:

- California State Bar Antitrust and Unfair Competition Section, Advisor and Past Chair
- ABA Global Private Litigation Committee, Co-Chair
- ABA International Cartel Workshop, Steering Committee
- American Association for Justice, Business Torts Section, Past Chair
- Business Torts Section of the American Trial Lawyers Association, Past Chair
- Hastings College of the Law, Board of Directors (2003-2015), Past Chair (2009-2011)

MELISSA S. WEINER

Melissa S. Weiner is a partner and civil litigator whose work is squarely focused on combating consumer deception. Her experience is expansive, including class actions related to consumer protection, product defect, intellectual property, automotive, false advertising and the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Ms. Weiner has taken a leadership role in numerous large class actions and MDLs in cases across the country.

A contributor to her professional community, Ms. Weiner serves on the Executive Board for Public Justice as the Co-Vice Chair of the Development Committee, former co-chair of the

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Mass Tort and Class Action Practice Group for the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and serves on the Minnesota Bar Association Food & Drug Law Council. In recognition of her outstanding efforts in the legal community, each year since 2012, Ms. Weiner has been named a Super Lawyers *Rising Star* by Minnesota Law & Politics.

Ms. Weiner has been appointed to leadership positions in the following MDLs and consolidated cases:

- *In Re: Luxottica of America, Inc. Data Security Breach Litigation* (S.D. Ohio) (Appointed Interim Executive Committee Member);
- *Culbertson v. Deloitte Consulting LLP* (S.D.N.Y.) (Appointed to Plaintiffs' Executive Committee), a nationwide data breach class action
- *In Re: Fairlife Milk Products Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation* (N.D. Ill.) (Appointed Interim Co-Lead Counsel);
- *In Re: Deva Concepts Products Liability Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.) (Appointed Interim Co-Lead Counsel);
- *In Re Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company Marketing & Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation* (D.N.M.) (chair of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and member of the Plaintiffs' Oversight Committee);
- *In Re Samsung Top-Load Washing Machine Marketing, Sales Practices & Product Liability Litigation* (W.D. Okla.), (appointed to Plaintiffs' Executive Committee), a nationwide class action regarding a design defect in 2.8 million top loading washing machines, which resulted in a nationwide settlement;
- *In Re Windsor Wood Clad Window Product Liability Litigation* (E.D. Wis.), a nationwide class action regarding allegedly defective windows, which resulted in a nationwide settlement.
- *In Re: Blackbaud, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation* (D.S.C.), nationwide data breach class action, (appointed to Plaintiffs' Steering Committee).

Current Cases:

- *Aguilera v. NuWave, LLC* (N.D. Ill.) (product defect and false advertising)
- *Anurag Gupta v. Aeries Software, Inc.* (C.D. CA) (data breach)
- *Ashour v. Arizona Beverages USA LLC et al.* (S.D. NY) (false advertising/mislabeling)
- *Benson et al v. Newell Brands Inc., et al.* (N.D. IL) (false advertising/mislabeling)
- *Connor Burns v. Mammoth Media, Inc.* (C.D. CA) (data breach)
- *Culbertson v. Deloitte Consulting LLP* (S.D.N.Y.) (data breach)
- *Daniels v. Delta Air Lines, Inc.* (N.D. Ga.). (COVID-19 pandemic relief)
- *In Re: Deva Concepts Products Liability Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.) (false advertising/mislabeling)
- *In Re Fairlife Milk Products Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation* (N.D. IL) (false advertising)
- *Ford v. [24]7.AI, Inc.* (N.D. Cal.) (data breach)
- *In Re Pork Antitrust Litigation* (D. Minn.)

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- *In Re Samsung Top-Load Washing Machine Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation* (W.D. Okla.)
- *In Re Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation* (D. N.M.) (false advertising/mislabeling)
- *Wedra v. Cree, Inc.* (S.D.N.Y)

Education:

- William Mitchell College of Law - J.D. – 2007
- University of Michigan – Ann Arbor - B.A. – 2004

Bar Admissions:

- New York
- Minnesota
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, Colorado
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

Professional Associations and Memberships:

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Public Justice

MICHAEL H. PEARSON

Michael H. Pearson is a Partner and civil litigator in the firm's Los Angeles office, focusing on complex litigation, class actions, and consumer protection. Mr. Pearson has extensive experience in representing clients in a variety of contexts. He has served as a member of the litigation team in multiple cases that resulted in class certification or a class-wide settlement, including cases that involved business litigation, complex financial products, high-technology products, consumer safety, and false and misleading advertising. Specifically, he was instrumental in managing the review of tens of millions of documents and drafting pleadings in *In Re Credit Default Swaps Antitrust Litigation*, which was settled for \$1.86 billion, plus injunctive relief.

Mr. Pearson received his Bachelor of Science degree from Tulane University in 2008, majoring in Finance with an Energy Specialization. He received his Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School Los Angeles in 2011. Mr. Pearson is an active member in a number of legal organizations, including the American, Los Angeles County and San Fernando Valley Bar Associations, Consumer Attorneys of California, the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles and the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

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Mr. Pearson's success has earned him recognition by his peers as a Super Lawyers Rising Star (representing the top 2.5% of lawyers in Southern California age 40 or younger or in practice for 10 years or less) in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Current Cases:

- *City of Oakland v. The Oakland Raiders, et al.* (N.D. Cal.)
- *In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Ill.)
- *In Re Pork Antitrust Litigation* (D. Minn.)
- *Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al.* (N.D. Cal.)
- *Trepte v. Bionaire, Inc.* (Cal. Sup. Ct.)

Education:

- Loyola Law School Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California – J.D. – 2011
- Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana – B.S., *magna cum laude* – 2008

Bar Admissions:

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Professional Associations and Memberships:

- American Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association

BENJAMIN E. SHIFTAN

Benjamin E. Shiftan is a Partner and litigator in the firm's San Francisco office. Since joining the firm in 2014, Mr. Shiftan has focused on complex class action litigation, including antitrust, product defect, and consumer protection cases.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Shiftan litigated complex bad faith insurance cases for a national law firm. Before that, Mr. Shiftan served as a law clerk to the Honorable Peter G. Sheridan, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and worked for a mid-sized firm in San Diego.

Mr. Shiftan graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2009. While in law school, he served as Lead Articles Editor of the San Diego International Law Journal and

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competed as a National Team Member on the Moot Court Board. Mr. Shiftan won the school's Paul A. McLennon, Sr. Honors Moot Court Competition. At graduation, he was one of ten students inducted into the Order of the Barristers. Mr. Shiftan graduated from the University of Virginia in 2006.

Current Cases:

- *In re Keurig Green Mountain Single-Serve Coffee Antitrust Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.)
- *In re National Collegiate Athletic Association Athletic Grant-in-Aid Cap Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Cal.)
- *Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al.* (N.D. Cal.)
- *North American Soccer League, LLC v. United States Soccer Federation, Inc., and Major League Soccer, L.L.C.* (E.D.N.Y.)

Education:

- University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, CA – J.D. – 2009
- University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA – B.A. – 2006

Bar Admissions:

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Professional Associations and Memberships:

- San Francisco County Bar Association

TRIAL COUNSEL

THOMAS J. NOLAN

Thomas J. Nolan is Trial Counsel (Of Counsel) in the Sherman Oaks office of Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP.

Mr. Nolan is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading trial attorneys, and has extensive civil and criminal trial experience representing corporations and individuals in complex litigation in state and federal courts.

Mr. Nolan is a former federal prosecutor and served as Chief of Fraud and Special Prosecutions in the Los Angeles United States Attorney's Office. He has been a member of the defense bar since 1979.

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Mr. Nolan has represented both corporate plaintiffs and defendants across a wide range of complex civil litigation matters including class actions; a wide variety of contract disputes, including a three-month jury trial against 63 insurance carriers; unfair business practices and consumer fraud; as well as antitrust and intellectual property issues. Mr. Nolan is also recognized as a leading lawyer for “first of their kind” trials. His diverse experience was cited by media reports on his arrival at Latham, such as this [Bloomberg-BNA Law article](#).

Mr. Nolan has represented corporations and individuals in criminal DOJ prosecutions and SEC enforcement matters and in internal investigations involving FCPA allegations, securities fraud, money laundering, RICO, healthcare fraud, and insider trading violations.

He leverages extensive trial experience including winning jury verdicts of more than \$1 billion for his clients and defeating claims exceeding \$15 billion asserted against clients.

Notable Cases:

- Lead trial counsel for CashCall in defeating more than \$275 million in restitution and monetary claims sought by the CFPB.
- Served as lead trial counsel representing UBS Real Estate Securities Inc. in a closely watched three-week bench trial conducted in the US District Court, Southern District of New York.*
- Served as lead trial counsel representing the home mortgage division of a major bank against class action claims of racial discrimination in mortgage lending*
- Defended Peter Morton in securing a unanimous jury verdict awarding zero damages in a case alleging fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and invasion of privacy*
- Represented the founders of Skype Technologies S.A., with a consortium of private equity and venture capital firms led by Silver Lake, in the \$2.8 billion acquisition of Skype from eBay Inc.*
- Represented Tyco International Ltd. in a litigation in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York brought by holders of \$2.7 billion of notes issued by Tyco.*
- Served as lead trial counsel representing the consortium of underwriters of WorldCom Securities in securing a settlement on the eve of jury selection in one of the largest securities class action cases in history.*
- Represented Litton Industries in a high-profile monopoly antitrust lawsuit against Honeywell, Inc. in the US District Court for the Central District of California.*

**Represents experience from previous law firms.*

Accolades:

Mr. Nolan has served in numerous honorary positions and received numerous accolades over his extensive career, including:

- American College of Trial Lawyers – Fellow
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers – Fellow

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- Loyola Marymount University – Board of Regents
- Loyola University School of Law at Los Angeles – Board of Directors
- Loyola University School of Law at Los Angeles – Champion of Justice Award
- Beverly Hills Bar Association – Excellence in Advocacy Award
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers – frequent lecturer
- Federal Bar Association – frequent lecturer
- California Bar Association – *Pro Bono* Lawyer of the Year
- *The Am Law Litigation Daily* – Litigator of the Week

Mr. Nolan has been selected for inclusion in *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, and he is one of only 23 attorneys listed in the top tier of national trial attorneys by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, which also ranks him in its top tier for general commercial litigation. In addition, Mr. Nolan has been profiled for 12 different years as one of the Top 100 most influential lawyers in California and as one of the Top 30 Securities Litigators in California by the *Daily Journal*. He was named Best Lawyers' 2015 Los Angeles Bet-the-Company Litigation Lawyer of the Year.

Education:

- Loyola Law School - Los Angeles, California - J.D. - 1975
- Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California - B.B.A. -1971

Bar Admissions:

- California
- Supreme Court of the United States
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

OF COUNSEL

NEIL SWARTZBERG

Neil Swartzberg, Of Counsel to Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP, has significant litigation and counseling experience, with a track record of providing advice and representation to individuals and companies on a variety of technology, consumer and finance related matters. He has expertise in complex and commercial litigation, including in the intellectual property, consumer protection, antitrust, securities and class action context. Practicing in both federal and state courts, he has litigated price-fixing class actions, securities fraud suits and other consumer protection cases, as well as patent infringement, trade secret misappropriation and related intellectual property matters. Mr. Swartzberg also has experience negotiating licenses and similar

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agreements to resolve disputes in technology areas such the Internet, online banking, and telecommunications.

Mr. Swartzberg was a leading attorney in the Direct Purchaser Plaintiff class action *In re Static Random Access Memory (SRAM) Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Cal.). He was also actively involved in several other antitrust class actions, such as *In re International Air Transportation Surcharge Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Cal.), *Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation* (E.D.N.Y.), *In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Cal.), and *In re Optical Disk Drive (ODD) Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Cal.). He has represented patent owners and companies in infringement cases for patents covering video game controllers, Internet search functionality, secure mobile banking transactions, and telecommunications switches.

Current Cases:

- *In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Ill.)
- *In re: Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation* (D.N.M.)
- *North American Soccer League, LLC v. United States Soccer Federation, Inc., and Major League Soccer, L.L.C.* (E.D.N.Y.)

Education:

- University of California, Davis, School of Law, Davis, California – J.D. – 2001
- State University of New York, Buffalo, Buffalo, New York – M.A. – 1994
- Duke University, Durham, North Carolina – A.B. – 1991

Bar Admissions:

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Federal Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

Publications and Presentations:

- *American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law, 2020 Spring Conference, Presentation, Judge Jon S. Tigar: In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litig.*
- *American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law, 2019 Spring Conference, Presentation, Bruce Simon: Challenges & Recent Developments in Class Certification: From the Plaintiffs' Perspective* (with Eric Mont)
- *The Hard Cell, Mobile banking and the Federal Circuit's "divided infringement" decisions*, Feb. 2013, Intellectual Property magazine, with Robert D. Becker.

Professional Associations and Memberships:

PEARSON, SIMON & WARSHAW, LLP

- American Bar Association

Languages:

- German (proficient)

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ASSOCIATES

NAVEED ABAIE

Naveed Abaie is an associate in the firm's Los Angeles office focusing on consumer protection, antitrust, and business litigation.

He graduated from the University of San Diego, School of Law in 2017. While at the University of San Diego, Mr. Abaie earned his J.D. with a concentration in Business and Corporate Law. Mr. Abaie received his Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley Haas School of Business in 2012.

Current Cases:

- *In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Ill)

Education:

- University of San Diego, California – J.D. – 2017
- University of California, Berkeley, California – B.A.– 2012

Bar Admissions:

- California

Professional Associations and Memberships:

- Iranian American Bar Association

MATTHEW A. PEARSON

Matthew A. Pearson is an associate in the firm's Los Angeles office focusing on antitrust, consumer protection, copyright, and business litigation. Mr. Pearson has represented clients in a variety of different matters and works closely with clients, co-counsel, and opposing counsel on all aspects of litigation.

In 2019, Mr. Pearson received the award for Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice by the American Antitrust Institute for his work in the *In re National Collegiate Athletic Association Athletic Grant-in-Aid Cap Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Cal.) trial, which took place in September of 2018 and resulted in a verdict in Plaintiffs' favor. Additionally, in 2019, Mr. Pearson was selected by his peers as a Super Lawyer (representing the top 5% of practicing lawyers in Southern California).

Mr. Pearson received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arizona in 2010, majoring in Business Management. He received his Juris Doctorate from Whittier Law School in 2013. Mr. Pearson is an active member in a number of legal organizations, including the American Bar Association, American Association for Justice, Association of Business Trial

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Lawyers, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Consumer Attorneys of California, and the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Current Cases:

- *In re Pork Antitrust Litigation* (D. Minn.)
- *Grace v. Apple, Inc.* (N.D. Cal.)
- *In re Keurig Green Mountain Single-Serving Coffee Antitrust Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.)
- *Greg Kihn, et al. v. Bill Graham Archives, LLC, et al.* (N.D. Cal.)
- *In re KIND LLC “Healthy and All Natural” Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.)
- *In re National Collegiate Athletic Association Athletic Grant-in-Aid Cap Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Cal.)
- *North American Soccer League, LLC v. United States Soccer Federation, Inc., and Major League Soccer, L.L.C.* (E.D.N.Y.)
- *In Re Cattle Antitrust Litigation* (D. Minn.)

Education:

- Whittier Law School, California – J.D. – 2013
- University of Arizona: Eller College of Management – B.S.– 2010

Bar Admissions:

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- *U.S. District Court*, Southern District of California

Professional Associations and Memberships:

- American Bar Association
- American Association for Justice
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- *Los Angeles County Bar Association*

SOPHIE ROZ SEDAGHAT

Sophie Roz Sedaghat is an associate in the firm’s Los Angeles office focusing on antitrust and class action litigation.

In 2017, Ms. Sedaghat received her B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles, where she majored in Political Science. In 2020, she received her J.D. from the UCLA School of Law,

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with a concentration in Media, Entertainment, and Technology Law & Policy. While in law school, Ms. Sedaghat served as a Managing Editor of the *Women's Law Journal* and as a student liaison for the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles.

Current Cases:

- *In re Pork Antitrust Litigation* (D. Minn.)

Education:

- UCLA School of Law – J.D. – 2020
- University of California, Los Angeles – B.A. – 2017

Bar Admissions:

- California

HARRISON C. MARGOLIN

Harrison C. Margolin is an associate in the firm's Los Angeles office focusing on antitrust, class action and commercial litigation.

He graduated from the UCLA School of Law in 2020. While at UCLA, Harrison was an Advanced Trial Advocacy pupil in the A. Barry Capello Trial Advocacy series and focused on courses in Complex Litigation. He is a law review article author on topics in tort law, complex litigation and emerging technology.

Before law school, Harrison earned his B.A. in Economics at the University of California, Berkeley, where he graduated with Honors of Highest Distinction.

Current Cases:

- *In re Pork Producers Antitrust Litigation*

Education:

- University of California, Los Angeles – J.D. – 2020
- University of California, Berkeley, California – B.A., Economics; *Highest Distinction* – 2017.

Bar Admissions:

- California (provisional licenses)

DANIEL K. ASIEDU

Daniel K. Asiedu is an associate in the firm's Minneapolis office focusing on consumer class action and data breach cases.

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Mr. Asiedu graduated from Mitchell Hamline School of Law in 2017. While in law school, Mr. Asiedu competed in the Rosalie Wahl Moot Court competition and was a judicial extern in the Second Judicial District of Minnesota for the Honorable Jennifer L. Frisch, who is now of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. After law school, Mr. Asiedu served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert J. Rupp, District Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District of Minnesota.

Mr. Asiedu received his B.A. in Justice Studies from Rhode Island College in 2010 and a Master's degree in Global Studies and International Affairs from Northeastern University in 2012.

Education:

- Mitchell Hamline School of Law – J.D. – 2017
- Northeastern University – M.S. – 2012
- Rhode Island College – B.A. – 2010

Bar Admission:

- Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

Professional Association and Membership:

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Minnesota Black Lawyers Association



Firm Resume

Jonathan Tycko and Hassan Zavareei founded Tycko & Zavareei LLP in 2002 when they left a large national firm to form a private public interest law firm. Since then, a wide range of clients have trusted the firm with their most difficult problems. Those clients include individuals fighting for their rights, tenants' associations battling to preserve decent and affordable housing, consumers seeking redress for unfair business practices, whistleblowers exposing fraud and corruption, and non-profit entities and businesses facing difficult litigation.

The firm's practice focuses on complex litigation, with a particular emphasis on consumer and other types of class actions, and *qui tam* and False Claims Act litigation. In its class action practice, the firm represent consumers who have been victims of corporate wrongdoing. The firm's attorneys bring a unique perspective to such litigation because many of them trained at major national defense firms where they obtained experience representing corporate defendants in such cases. This unique perspective enables the firm to anticipate and successfully counter the strategies commonly employed by corporate counsel defending class action litigation. Tycko & Zavareei LLP's attorneys have successfully obtained class certification, been appointed class counsel, and obtained approval of class action settlements with common funds totaling over \$500 million.

Tycko & Zavareei LLP's sixteen attorneys graduated from some of the nation's finest law schools, including Yale Law School, Harvard Law School, Columbia Law School, and the University of Michigan Law School. They have served in prestigious clerkships for federal and state trial and appellate judges and have worked for low-income clients through competitive public interest fellowships. The firm's diversity makes it a leader amongst its peers, and the firm actively and successfully recruits attorneys who are women, people of color, and LGBTQ. To support its mission of litigating in the public interest, Tycko & Zavareei LLP's offers a unique public interest fellowship for recent law graduates. Tycko & Zavareei LLP's attorneys practice in state and federal courts across the nation.

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In his 25 years of practice, Jonathan Tycko has represented a wide range of clients, including individuals, Fortune 500 companies, privately-held business, and non-profit associations, in both trial and appellate courts around the country. Although he continues to handle a variety of cases, his current practice is focused primarily on helping whistleblowers expose fraud and corruption through qui tam litigation under the False Claims Act and other similar whistleblower statutes. Mr. Tycko's whistleblower clients have brought to light hundreds of millions of dollars in fraud in cases involving healthcare, government contracts, customs and import duties, banking and tax.

Prior to founding Tycko & Zavareei LLP in 2002, Mr. Tycko was with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, one of the nation's top law firms. He received his law degree in 1992 from Columbia University Law School, and earned a B.A. degree, with honors, in 1989 from The Johns Hopkins University. After graduating from law school, Mr. Tycko served for two years as law clerk to Judge Alexander Harvey, II, of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

In addition to his private practice, Mr. Tycko is an active participant in other law-related and community activities. He currently serves on the Conference Committee of the Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund, charged with planning the premier annual conference of whistleblower attorneys and their counterparts at the United States Department of Justice and other government agencies. He has taught as an Adjunct Professor at the George Washington University Law School. He is a former member and Chairperson of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee of the District of Columbia Bar, where he helped draft the ethics rules governing members of the bar. And Mr. Tycko is a member of the Board of Trustees of Studio Theatre, one of the D.C. area's top non-profit theaters.

Mr. Tycko is admitted to practice before the courts of the District of Columbia, Maryland and New York, as well as before numerous federal courts, including the Supreme Court, the Circuit Courts for the D.C. Circuit, Third Circuit, Fourth Circuit, Fifth Circuit, Seventh Circuit, Ninth Circuit, Eleventh Circuit and Federal Circuit, the District Courts for the District of Columbia and District of Maryland, the Southern District of New York, the Northern District of New York, the Western District of New York, and the Court of Federal Claims.



Education

Columbia University Law School,
1992

The Johns Hopkins University, 1989,
with honors

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
Maryland
New York
Supreme Court of the United States

Memberships

American Association for Justice
(AAJ)

Public Justice

Taxpayers Against Fraud Education
Fund (TAFEF)

Awards

Stone Scholar (all three years),
Columbia Law School

Thomas E. Dewey Prize for Best
Brief, Harlan Fiske Stone Moot Court
Competition, Columbia Law School

Award of Litigation Excellence,
CARECEN-The Central American
Resource Center

Super Lawyers, 2012-current

Member of the D.C. Bar Leadership
Academy



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Mr. Zavareei has devoted the last eighteen years to recovering hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of consumers and workers. He has served in leadership roles in dozens of class action cases and has been appointed Class Counsel on behalf of numerous litigation and settlement classes. An accomplished and experienced attorney, Mr. Zavareei has litigated in state and federal courts across the nation in a wide range of practice areas; tried several cases to verdict; and successfully argued numerous appeals, including in the D.C. Circuit, the Fourth Circuit, and the Fifth Circuit.

After graduating from UC Berkeley School of Law, Mr. Zavareei joined the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. There, he managed the defense of a nationwide class action brought against a major insurance carrier, along with other complex civil matters. In 2002, Mr. Zavareei founded Tycko & Zavareei LLP with his partner Jonathan Tycko.

Mr. Zavareei has served as lead counsel or co-counsel in dozens of class actions involving deceptive business practices, defective products, and/or privacy. He has been appointed to leadership roles in multiple cases. As Lead Counsel in an MDL against a financial services company that provided predatory debit cards to college students, Mr. Zavareei spearheaded a fifteen-million-dollar recovery for class members. He is currently serving as Co-Lead Counsel in consolidated proceedings against Fifth Third Bank, and on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in MDL litigation against TD Bank. As Co-Lead Counsel in *Farrell v. Bank of America*, a case challenging Bank of America's punitive overdraft fees, Mr. Zavareei secured a class settlement valued at \$66.6 million in cash and debt relief, together with injunctive relief forcing the bank to change a practice that will save millions of low-income consumers approximately \$1.2 billion in overdraft fees. In his Order granting final approval, Judge Lorenz of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California described the outcome as a "remarkable" accomplishment achieved through "tenacity and great skill."



Education

UC Berkeley School of Law, 1995
Order of the Coif

Duke University, 1990
cum laude

Bar Admissions

California
District of Columbia
Maryland
Supreme Court of the United States

Memberships

Public Justice, Board Member
American Association for Justice

Awards

Washington Lawyers Committee,
Outstanding Achievement Award
Super Lawyer
Lawdragon 500

Presentations & Publications

Witness Before the Subcommittee on
the Constitution and Civil Justice,
115th Congress

Witness Before the Civil Rules
Advisory Committee, 2018, 2019

Editor, Duke Law School Center for
Judicial Studies, Guidance on New
Rule 23 Class Action Settlement
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Anna C. Haac is a Partner in Tycko & Zavareei LLP's Washington, D.C. office. She focuses her practice on consumer protection class actions and whistleblower litigation. Her prior experience at Covington & Burling LLP, one of the nation's most prestigious defense-side law firms, gives her a unique advantage when representing plaintiffs against large companies in complex cases. Since arriving at Tycko & Zavareei LLP, Ms. Haac has represented consumers in a wide range of practice areas, including product liability, false labeling, deceptive and unfair trade practices, and predatory financial practices. Her whistleblower practice involves claims for fraud on federal and state governments across an equally broad spectrum of industries, including health care fraud, customs fraud, and government contracting fraud.

Ms. Haac has helped secure multimillion-dollar relief on behalf of the classes and whistleblowers she represents. Ms. Haac also serves as the D.C. Co-Chair of the National Association of Consumer Advocates and as Co-Chair of the Antitrust and Consumer Law Section Steering Committee of the D.C. Bar.

Ms. Haac earned her law degree cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School in 2006 and went on to clerk for the Honorable Catherine C. Blake of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. Prior to law school, Ms. Haac graduated with a B.A. in political science with highest distinction from the Honors Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ms. Haac is a member of the District of Columbia and Maryland state bars. She is also admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Third, and Fourth Circuits and the United States District Courts for the District of Columbia, District of Maryland, and the Eastern District of Michigan, among others.

Education

University of Michigan Law School,
2006, *cum laude*

University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill, 2006, *highest honors*

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
Maryland

Memberships

Antitrust & Consumer Protection
Section of District of Columbia Bar,
Co-Chair

National Association of Consumer
Advocates, District of Columbia
Co-Chair

Awards

Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2015

Presentations & Publications

Discussion Leader, "Practical Ideas
about Properly Framing the Issues
and Educating the Court and Public
in Filings Responding to Increasing
Attacks on Class Action Settlements
and Fees," Invitation-Only
Cambridge Forum on Plaintiffs'
Class Action Litigation (October
2020)

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Andrea R. Gold

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Andrea Gold has spent her legal career advocating for consumers, employees, and whistleblowers. Ms. Gold has litigated numerous complex cases, including through trial. Her extensive litigation experience benefits the firm's clients in both national class action cases as well as in qui tam whistleblower litigation.

She has served as trial counsel in two lengthy jury trials.

In her class action practice, Ms. Gold has successfully defended dispositive motions, navigated complex discovery, worked closely with leading experts, and obtained contested class certification. Her class action cases have involved, amongst other things, unlawful bank fees, product defects, violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and deceptive advertising and sales practices.

Ms. Gold also has significant civil rights experience. She has represented individuals and groups of employees in employment litigation, obtaining substantial recoveries for employees who have faced discrimination, harassment, and other wrongful conduct. In addition, Ms. Gold has appellate experience in both state and federal court.

Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP, Ms. Gold was a Skadden fellow. The Skadden Fellowship Foundation was created by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, one of the nation's top law firms, to support the work of new attorneys at public interest organizations around the country.

Ms. Gold earned her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was an associate editor of the Journal of Law Reform, co-President of the Law Students for Reproductive Choice, and a student attorney at the Family Law Project clinical program. Ms. Gold graduated with high distinction from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business in 2001, concentrating her studies in Finance and Marketing.



Education

University of Michigan Law School,
2004

University of Michigan, Ross School
of Business, 2001

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
Illinois
Maryland

Memberships

American Association for Justice
National Associate of Consumer
Advocates
National Employment Lawyers
Association
Taxpayers Against Fraud

Awards

National Trial Lawyers, Top 100 Civil
Plaintiff Lawyers, 2020
Super Lawyers, Rising Star
Skadden Fellow, Skadden Arps Slate
Meagher & Flom LLP, 2004-2006



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Annick M. Persinger leads Tycko & Zavareei LLP's California office as California's Managing Partner. While at Tycko & Zavareei LLP, Ms. Persinger has dedicated her practice to utilizing California's prohibitions against unfair competition and false advertising to advocate for consumers. Ms. Persinger has taken on financial institutions, companies that take advantage of consumers with deceptive advertising, tech companies that disregard user privacy, companies that sell defective products, and mortgage loan servicers. Ms. Persinger also represents whistleblowers who expose their employer's fraudulent practices.

Ms. Persinger graduated magna cum laude as a member of the Order of the Coif from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 2010. While in law school, Ms. Persinger served as a member of Hastings Women's Law Journal, and authored two published articles. In 2008, Ms. Persinger received an award for Best Oral Argument in the first year moot court competition. In 2007, Ms. Persinger graduated cum laude from the University of California, San Diego with a B.A. in Sociology, and minors in Law & Society and Psychology.

Following law school, Ms. Persinger worked as a legal research attorney for Judge John E. Munter in Complex Litigation at the San Francisco Superior Court.

Ms. Persinger served as an elected board member of the Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF) from 2017 to 2019, and as Co-Chair of BALIF from 2018 to 2019. During her term on the BALIF Board of Directors, Ms. Persinger advocated for LGBTQI community members with intersectional identities, and promoted anti-racism and anti-genderism. Ms. Persinger now serves as a Steering Committee member for the Cambridge Forum on Plaintiffs' Food Fraud Litigation.



Education

University of California Hastings
College of Law, 2010 *Magna Cum Laude*, Order of the Coif

University of California San Diego,
2007 *Cum Laude*

Bar Admissions

California

Memberships

American Association for Justice

Plaintiffs' Food Fraud Litigation,
2020 Steering Committee Member

Public Justice

Awards

Super Lawyer, Rising Star 2020

UC Hastings, *Best Oral Argument* 2008



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In almost 20 years of practice, Sabita J. Soneji has developed extensive experience in litigation and legal policy at both the federal and state level and a passion for fighting consumer fraud. Now a Partner in Tycko & Zavareei LLP's Oakland office, she focuses on consumer protection class actions and whistleblower litigation. In addition to her success with novel Telephone Consumer Protection cases, False Claims Act cases involving insurance fraud, and deceptive and false advertising cases, Ms. Soneji serves in leadership on multi-district litigation against Juul, for its manufacture and marketing to youth of an addictive nicotine product. Ms. Soneji also successfully represents consumers harmed by massive data breaches and by corporate practices that collect and monetize user data without consent. She serves as head of the firm's Privacy and Data Breach Group.

Ms. Soneji began that work during her time with the United States Department of Justice, as Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General. In that role, she oversaw civil and criminal prosecution of various forms of financial fraud that arose in the wake of the 2008 recession. For that work, Ms. Soneji partnered with other federal agencies, state attorneys' general, and consumer advocacy groups. Beyond that affirmative work, Ms. Soneji worked to defend various federal programs, including the Affordable Care Act in nationwide litigation.

Ms. Soneji has extensive civil litigation experience from her four years with international law firm, her work as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of California, and from serving as Deputy County Counsel for Santa Clara County, handling civil litigation on behalf of the County including regulatory, civil rights, and employment matters. She has successfully argued motions and conducted trials in both state and federal court and negotiated settlements in complex multi-party disputes.

Early in her career, Ms. Soneji clerked for the Honorable Gladys Kessler on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, during which she assisted the judge in overseeing the largest civil case in American history, *United States v. Phillip Morris, et al.*, a civil RICO case brought against major tobacco manufacturers for fraud in the marketing, sale, and design of cigarettes. The opinion in that case paved the way for Congress to authorize FDA regulation of cigarettes.

Ms. Soneji is a graduate of the University of Houston, *summa cum laude*, with degrees in Math and Political Science, and Georgetown University Law Center, *magna cum laude*.



Education

Georgetown University Law Center,
magna cum laude

University of Houston, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
California

Memberships

American Association for Justice
(AAJ)

Public Justice

Taxpayers Against Fraud Education
Fund (TAFEF)

Awards

Attorney General's Award 2014

Presentations & Publications

NITA Trial Skills Faculty 2010-
present



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Kristen G. Simplicio has devoted her career to representing victims of false advertising and corporate fraud. Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP's D.C. office in 2020, she spent ten years at a boutique class action firm in California. While there, she successfully litigated over a dozen false advertising cases against manufacturers of a variety of consumer products, including olive oil, flushable wipes, beverages, and chocolate. In connection with this work, she helped to obtain millions of dollars in refunds to consumers, as well as changed practices.

In addition to her product labeling work, Ms. Simplicio has represented plaintiffs in a wide variety of areas. For example, she was the lead associate on RICO case on behalf of small business owners against 18 defendants in the credit card processing industry. In connection with that case, she obtained a preliminary injunction halting an illegal \$10 million debt collection scheme, and later, helped to secure refunds and changed practices for the victims. She has also represented victims of other debt collectors, as well as those harmed by unlawful background and credit reporting, including a pro bono matter performed in conjunction with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Simplicio also worked on a lawsuit against government agencies, which were charging unconstitutional fines and fees in connection with toll collection.

Ms. Simplicio graduated cum laude from American University, Washington College of Law in 2007. She holds a bachelor's degree from McGill University. She began her legal career at the United States Department of Labor, where she advised on regulations pertaining to group health insurance plans. Before and during law school, Ms. Simplicio worked for other plaintiffs' law firms.

Ms. Simplicio serves as the D.C. Co-Chair of the National Association of Consumer Advocates. She is admitted to practice in California and the District of Columbia.



Education

American University, Washington
College of Law, 2007 *cum laude*

McGill University, 1999

Bar Admissions

California
District of Columbia

Memberships

National Association of Consumer
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American Association for Justice



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Mr. Lawler joined Tycko & Zavareei LLP in January 2012. He has over twenty years of commercial litigation experience, including an expertise in eDiscovery and complex case management. At the firm Mr. Lawler has represented consumers in a numerous practice areas, including product liability, false labeling, deceptive and unfair trade practices, and antitrust class actions litigation.

Before joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP, Mr. Lawler was an associate in the litigation departments at McKenna & Cuneo LLP and Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman LLP.

Among Mr. Lawler's career achievements include the co-drafting of appellate briefs which resulted in rare reversal and entry of judgment in favor of client, US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Mr. Lawler is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, as well as numerous federal courts.

Education

Creighton University School of Law, 1997

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, 1989

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Memberships

American Association for Justice
Public Justice

Representative Cases

In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2724 (E.D. Penn.) (complex price-fixing action)

Morgan v. Apple, Inc., Case No. 4:17-cv-5277(N.D. Cal.) (multimillion-dollar case alleging defects in high-end Powerbeats headphone)

In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation, Master File No. 12-md-02311 (E.D. Mich.) (described by the Department of Justice as the largest antitrust case in history, recovering over \$1.2 billion for classes)

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Bringing 30 years of practice, knowledge, and expertise as a former prosecutor in a senior leadership position at the United States Department of Justice, Renée Brooker is now representing whistleblowers. While at the Department of Justice for over two decades, Ms. Brooker was responsible for billions of dollars in recoveries under whistleblower laws. As an accomplished and experienced attorney, Ms. Brooker has advised and represented whistleblowers under the False Claims Act (FCA), the Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark Law, FIRREA (bank fraud, mail, and wire fraud), the Financial Institutions Anti-Fraud Enforcement Act (FIAFE), and the Whistleblower Programs of the SEC, the CFTC, and the IRS.

As Assistant Director within the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice, Ms. Brooker was responsible for sizeable recoveries and successful judgments under the False Claims Act, FIRREA, and civil RICO in almost every industry: pharmaceutical, health care, defense, financial services, government procurement, small business, insurance, tobacco products, and higher education.

Ms. Brooker received her law degree in 1990 from Georgetown University Law Center, and a B.S. degree in 1987 from Temple University. After graduating from Georgetown, Ms. Brooker served as a Law Clerk to Judge Noël Kramer in the District of Columbia for one year before joining the United States Department of Education as an attorney. Ms. Brooker was hired as part of the enforcement response to Congressional investigations of fraud in federal student aid programs affecting consumers and taxpayers. Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP in 2020, Ms. Brooker worked at another prominent whistleblower firm where she advised and represented whistleblowers while expanding the firm's whistleblower practice. Ms. Brooker also served as a member of the United States Department of Justice-appointed Independent Corporate Compliance Monitor and Auditor for Volkswagen under its Plea Agreement and Consent Decree with the United States Department of Justice.



Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
 B.S., Temple University

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
 Pennsylvania

Memberships

Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund (TAFEF)
 Board Member, Federal Bar Association
 Qui Tam Section
 National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA)

Awards

Department of Justice Commendation Award for recovering billions of dollars under the Big Lender Initiative, 2016
 Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Award for Excellence for \$1.2 billion False Claims Act settlement with Wells Fargo, 2016
 Department of Justice Award for "a record of outstanding actions and accomplishments," 2015
 Attorney General's Award for Fraud Prevention, 2011
 Department of Justice Award for prosecuting Big Tobacco under RICO, 2005



Eva Gunasekera

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Bringing 16 years of complex litigation experience practice, Eva Gunasekera, the former Senior Counsel for Health Care Fraud at the United States Department of Justice, is now representing whistleblowers. Ms. Gunasekera has spent the better part of her career enforcing the False Claims Act and the Stark and Anti-Kickback laws.

Highly strategic, Ms. Gunasekera has many notable successes under her belt, sizeable recoveries under the False Claims Act, and has held companies accountable for fraudulent conduct that harmed important government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. With deep health care fraud expertise, she has investigated, litigated, and settled cases involving all federal health care programs (Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, FEHB). Ms. Gunasekera is an expert on analyzing complex health care data sets, including Medicare and Medicaid payment data and trends, to identify potentially fraudulent practices. She has enforced anti-fraud laws and represented whistleblowers across industries: pharmaceutical manufacturers, health care providers, hospitals, physicians, physician groups, laboratories, managed care, pharmacies, hospice and nursing home providers, financial institutions, government suppliers, automotive, small businesses, and defense contractors. Many of her investigations involved parallel criminal proceedings and compliance and whistleblower programs of health care organizations, including those subjected to Corporate Integrity Agreements and oversight by Independent Review Organizations, as required by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG).

After graduating with her Master's in Public Administration from Ohio University, and from Georgetown University Law Center, Ms. Gunasekera practiced law at two international law firms. She acted as second chair during administrative trials and handled complex commercial litigation. Ms. Gunasekera also played a significant role on the team that represented the Enron Creditors Recovery Corp in the bankruptcy proceeding, successfully returning billions of dollars to creditors in the wake of the Enron scandal. Further, Ms. Gunasekera represented clients in pro bono matters, including the successful defense of an individual seeking asylum and as guardian ad litem for three children.



Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2004

M.A., Ohio University, 2001

B.A., Ohio University, 2000

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Ohio

Memberships

Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund (TAFEF)

Federal Bar Association Qui Tam Section

Public Justice

Presentations & Publications

"Whistleblower Rewards 101" – Scottsdale (Arizona) Bar Association (March 9, 2021)

"Should the False Claims Act be Amended to Define Falsity?" - Federal Bar Association, Qui Tam Section (February 17, 2021)

Law review article: False Claims Act, the opioid crisis, whistleblowing, Emory University Law School, February 26, 2019



Mark A. Clifford

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Mr. Clifford zealously represents plaintiffs in class action litigation challenging corporate greed and practices that place profits over people. He is actively litigating cases against financial institutions, big tobacco, and the insurance industry over fraudulent, unfair, and unlawful conduct that has harmed millions of consumers. He also is litigating a number of data breach cases, in which the personal information of millions of innocent victims was stolen due to the lax security practices of major corporations. In addition to his consumer protection practice, Mr. Clifford represents whistleblowers who come forward with information about fraud on government programs.

Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP in 2019, Mr. Clifford was an Associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Covington & Burling LLP, one of the nation's top defense-side firms. He uses his knowledge of how the other side operates to advance the interests of clients harmed by corporate wrongdoing. During his time at Covington, Mr. Clifford represented corporations in complex litigation and government investigations, including matters involving whistleblower allegations in the healthcare and technology industries. He also maintained an active *pro bono* practice, representing indigent defendants in immigration and criminal matters.

Mr. Clifford graduated *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University Law Center in 2015. While in law school, he was an Executive Editor of the Georgetown Law Journal. Following law school, Mr. Clifford clerked for the Honorable Catherine C. Blake of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. Prior to law school, he worked on several political campaigns following his graduation with honors from the University of Georgia in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and a Master of Public Administration.

Mr. Clifford is admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia, Maryland, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.



Education

Georgetown University Law Center,
2015 *magna cum laude*

University of Georgia, 2009

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Maryland

Memberships

American Constitution Society

LGBT Bar Association of the District
of Columbia

Public Justice

Awards

Medina S. and John M. Vasily
Endowed Scholarship (GULC)

Law Center Scholar (GULC)

CALI Award – Contracts (GULC)

Presentations & Publications

Georgetown Law Journal, Executive
Editor (2014 – 2015)

Co-Author, "The LGBT
Community" in *Divide, Develop, and
Rule: Human Rights Violations in
Ethiopia*, UW College of Law (2018)



Mallory Morales

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Mallory Morales graduated magna cum laude from Boston University in 2013, with a degree in Anthropology and Religion. After graduation she worked at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office as a mediator for its consumer advocacy division, and then as a paralegal in the division of open government.

She earned her law degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2018, where she was elected Editor-in-Chief of the California Law Review. While in law school Ms. Morales also participated in La Raza Law Students' Association, Women of Color Collective, La Raza Law Journal, and First Generation Professionals. She interned for the East Bay Community Law Center and externed for the Honorable William H. Alsup on the United State District Court, Northern District of California.

Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP in 2020, Ms. Morales practiced commercial litigation at Morrison & Foerster LLP in San Francisco. She maintained a pro bono practice in civil rights litigation and indigent criminal defense.

Ms. Morales is admitted to the State Bar of California and the bars of the United States District Courts for the Northern District of California and Eastern District of California.



Education

University of California, Berkeley
School of Law, 2018

Boston University, 2013, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

California



Dia Rasinariu

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Dia Rasinariu graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 2016. While in law school, Ms. Rasinariu served as an Executive Editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. She was also a member of HLS Lambda. Following law school, Ms. Rasinariu clerked for the Honorable Diana Gribbon Motz on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Ms. Rasinariu earned her Bachelor of Arts, with distinction, from Cornell University in 2011, with majors in Government and in Economics.

Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP in 2021, Ms. Rasinariu was a litigation associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Jones Day. Ms. Rasinariu maintained an active pro bono practice, representing clients on civil rights, asylum, and domestic violence matters.

Ms. Rasinariu is a member of the District of Columbia and Illinois state bars. She is also admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Maryland and the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fourth and Sixth Circuits.



Education

Harvard Law School, 2016
cum laude

Cornell University, 2011
with distinction

Bar Admissions

Illinois
District of Columbia

Memberships

Public Justice

Awards

Super Lawyers, Rising Star 2020



Allison W. Parr

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Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei in 2021, Allison W. Parr was an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Mayer Brown LLP, where she represented corporations in complex commercial litigation, including cases involving unfair competition and false advertising claims. Previously, Ms. Parr was a litigation associate in the New York office of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, where she maintained an active pro bono practice in LGBTQ civil rights.

Ms. Parr graduated from the Georgetown University Law Center in 2018, where she served as the Articles and Notes Editor for the Food and Drug Law Journal. During law school, Ms. Parr externed for the Commercial Litigation Branch, Fraud Section of the Department of Justice, where she assisted with cases involving allegations of fraud against the government. Ms. Parr received her Bachelor of Music from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University in 2013.

Ms. Parr is admitted to practice in New York and the District of Columbia.



Education

Georgetown University, 2018

John Hopkins University, 2013
Dean's List with High Honors

Bar Admissions

New York
District of Columbia

Memberships

Public Justice

Presentations & Publications

Agribusiness and Antibiotics: A
Market-Based Solution, 73 Food &
Drug L.J. 338 (2018)



Lauren Kuhlik

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Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei in 2021, Lauren Kuhlik was a fellow at the National Prison Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, where she engaged in litigation and other advocacy to stop unconstitutional and illegal practices by prison and jail administrators and ICE. She focused on improving conditions of confinement for pregnant and postpartum people, as well as fighting to eliminate the inhumane practice of solitary confinement. During the COVID-19 crisis, Ms. Kuhlik maintained an extensive habeas practice seeking to secure the release of detained individuals with medical vulnerabilities.

Ms. Kuhlik graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School in 2017. She also received a Masters in Public Health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in 2017. Following law school, Ms. Kuhlik clerked for the Honorable Stephen Glickman of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. She has published articles regarding the treatment of pregnant incarcerated people in the Harvard Law and Policy Review and the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review. Ms. Kuhlik has also published about gender and incarceration in USA Today and Ms. Magazine, among others.



Education

Harvard Law School, 2017 *Cum Laude*

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, M.P.H., 2017

Wesleyan University, BA in Philosophy with Honors, 2011

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Virginia (inactive)

Memberships

Public Justice

Publications & Presentations

National Abortion Federation Annual Meeting (2021)

Pregnancy, Systematic Disregard and Degradation, and Carceral Institutions, Harvard Law & Policy Review (2020)

Harvard Law & Policy Review Fall Symposium (2019)

Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting (2019)

George Mason University Law School Civil Rights Law Journal Symposium (2019)

Pregnancy Behind Bars: The Constitutional Argument for Reproductive Healthcare Access in Prison, Harvard Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Law Review (2017)



Glenn Chappell

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Glenn Chappell is an associate in the Washington, D.C. office. Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei, he was an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, one of the nation's most prestigious defense-side firms. During his time at Gibson Dunn, Mr. Chappell represented corporations in complex litigation at the trial and appellate levels, including the United States Supreme Court. He also maintained an active pro bono practice that focused on police and sentencing reform.

Mr. Chappell graduated summa cum laude from Duke University School of Law in 2017, where he served as Managing Editor of the *Duke Law Journal* and Senior Research Editor of the *Duke Law & Technology Review*. While in law school, he dedicated more than 450 hours to pro bono work.

After graduating law school, Mr. Chappell clerked for the Honorable Gerald Bard Tjoflat of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the Honorable Anthony J. Trenga of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Before law school, he worked as a manager in the manufacturing industry. He graduated with honors from Saint Leo University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. His legal scholarship has appeared in multiple publications, including the *Duke Law Journal* and the *University of Richmond Law Review*.



Education

Duke University School of Law, 2017
Summa Cum Laude, Order of the Coif
Saint Leo University, 2011 *Cum Laude*

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
Virginia

Memberships

Order of the Coif
Virginia Equality Bar Association
American Constitution Society
Virginia Bar Association

Publications

The Historical Case for Constitutional "Concepts", 53 UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND LAW REVIEW 373 (2019)

Health Care's Other "Big Deal": Direct Primary Care Regulation in Contemporary American Health Law, 66 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 1331 (2017)

Seeking Rights, Not Rent: How Litigation Finance Can Help Break Copyright's Precedent Gridlock, 15 DUKE LAW & TECHNOLOGY REVIEW 269 (2017)



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Victoria Hoekstra is highly skilled in e-Discovery. She was hired by Tycko & Zavareei LLP in 2018 to help with a custom's fraud case and later became a staff attorney. Currently she is working on a class action against Juul for marketing e-cigarettes to youth.

Victoria began her legal career at Paul, Hastings in Los Angeles. She moved to a small law firm and later became in-house counsel at an art store where she also ran an art education program. Victoria worked on many matters in these positions including business transactions, intellectual property rights and litigation involving accountant's malpractice, deceptive business practices, securities fraud and Elder Abuse.

In recent time, Victoria has worked on many e-Discovery projects related to large scale litigation and regulatory reviews by the DOJ, FTC, SEC, FDA and the DEA. Projects have involved breach of contract, personal injury, antitrust investigations (mergers and anti-competitive violations), anti-kickback violations, intellectual property, stock transactions, breaches of fiduciary duty and general fraud including fraudulent marketing related to the sale of opioids. Industries include pharmaceuticals, healthcare, ride-sharing platforms, telecommunications, retail, manufacturing, education, publishing, digital advertising, software development and implementation, data contracts, banking, insurance and government contracts. Victoria has also worked on compliance projects related to reviews by the DOJ and she had a long-term project answering search warrants, court orders and subpoenas related to Google products. In this capacity, Victoria helped law enforcement investigate critical crimes, but was also attentive to privacy laws.

Victoria is a Certified Public Accountant and prior to law school she worked as an auditor for a large CPA firm. Victoria was also a sole proprietor of an Internet bookstore for many years.

Victoria received a B.S. in Economics from University of California, Los Angeles. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law and she attended Oxford University (Christ Church) in England as a visiting scholar studying Philosophy.



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Jennifer Thelusma graduated from Duke University School of Law in 2019 with a J.D. and a certificate in Public Interest and Public Service.

While at Duke Law, Jennifer gained legal experience through various practical projects. For example, during the Fall of her 2L year, as a legal intern in the Duke Wrongful Convictions Clinic, she worked to move five cases through post-conviction review by conducting legal research, interviewing witnesses, and drafting a motion for appropriate relief. During the Fall of her 3L year, Jennifer externed full time at the U.S. Department of Justice's Special Litigation Section where she worked on cases aimed at enforcing the Constitutional rights of individuals under state hospital and correctional control.

During her time at Duke Law, Jennifer also served as symposium editor of the Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum, externed in Earthjustice's D.C. office, and served as internal vice president of Duke's Black Law Students Association.

Jennifer received her a B.A. in political science and history from the University of Florida.

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Leora Friedman received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2020.

At Georgetown Law, Leora obtained diverse legal experience through experiential courses led by the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law and by the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection. In addition, she authored papers proposing new legal frameworks for addressing the negative health impacts of electronic cigarettes and improving pandemic preparedness through writing-intensive coursework.

During law school, Leora also served as an intern for the Department of Justice's Office of Vaccine Litigation and its Consumer Protection Branch. She was an Executive Editor for the Georgetown Environmental Law Review, which published her note "Recommending Judicial Reconstruction of Title VI to Curb Environmental Racism: A Recklessness-Based Theory of Discriminatory Intent."

Previously, Leora was the Rockefeller Foundation's Princeton Project 55 Fellow from 2014-2015 and, thereafter, aided international health advocacy campaigns at Global Health Strategies.

She graduated from Princeton University with an A.B. in Politics in 2014.

Leora sat for the District of Columbia bar exam, and her results are pending.



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MILBERG COLEMAN BRYSON PHILLIPS GROSSMAN LLP (“MILBERG”) IS A LEADING GLOBAL PLAINTIFFS’ FIRM, successfully pioneering and litigating complex litigations in the following practice areas: class actions, antitrust and competition law, securities fraud, consumer protection, cyber security and data breach litigation, financial and insurance litigation, environmental law, securities litigation, and product liability. Our attorneys possess a renowned depth of legal expertise, employ the highest ethical and legal standards, and pride themselves on providing stellar service and achieving extraordinary results for their clients.

Milberg was founded in 1965, taking the lead in landmark cases that have set groundbreaking legal precedents and prompted changes in corporate governance benefiting shareholders and consumers. For more than 50 years, the firm has protected victims’ rights, recovering over \$50 billion in verdicts and settlements. Milberg was one of the first law firms to prosecute class actions in federal courts on behalf of investors and consumers. The firm pioneered this type of litigation and became widely recognized as a leader in defending the rights of victims of corporate and other large-scale wrongdoing.

Milberg has offices in California, New York, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Puerto Rico. Recently, Milberg opened an office in London that serves clients in the European Union. In addition, Milberg has expanded in South America, with primary emphasis in Brazil.

The firm’s reputation has been built by successfully taking on challenging cases across a spectrum of practice areas for the past half-century. From resolving business disputes to proving antitrust conspiracies, Milberg is equipped to handle complex, high-stakes cases at any stage of the litigation process.

The firm’s lawyers have been regularly recognized as leaders in the plaintiffs’ bar by the National Law Journal, Legal 500, Chambers USA, and Super Lawyers, among others.

MILBERG IS COMPRISED OF NEARLY 100 ATTORNEYS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, THE FOLLOWING OF WHOM ARE CERTAIN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIRM WHO HAVE HELD LEADING ROLES IN SUCCESSFUL CONSUMER CLASS ACTIONS, ALONG WITH MILBERG ATTORNEYS WHO ARE LICENSED IN OR PRACTICE IN NEW YORK.

GREG COLEMAN is a managing partner at Milberg and has 30 years of trial and appellate experience. Greg received his B.A. with highest honors and distinction from Jacksonville State University in 1986. He attended The University of Tennessee College of Law, graduating in 1989. In addition to distinguishing himself academically, Greg was a member of the National Trial Moot Court Team, was the recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award for National Trial Team and was listed in Who's Who Among Rising Young Americans. In addition, the College of Law bestowed upon Greg the honor of inclusion into the National Order of Barristers for outstanding oral advocacy and trial skills. Greg's practice focuses on class actions, products liability, medical malpractice, personal injury, complex multi-district litigation, toxic torts, premises liability, ERISA, ERISA class actions, drug and medical device litigation, and workers' compensation. He was co-lead counsel in a defective products case against Electrolux in which he and co-counsel successfully obtained a settlement on behalf of a class of more than one million members regarding defectively manufactured dryers. The settlement resulted in an expected utilization settlement value of over \$35 million. Greg was co-lead counsel in a series of automobile defect class actions against General Motors in Florida, Illinois, and California, in which he and co-counsel successfully obtained a \$42 million settlement on behalf of a class of 1.6 million consumers regarding excessive oil consumption. He was lead trial counsel in an ERISA class action against AK Steel Corporation in which he successfully obtained a \$178.6 million settlement on behalf of a class of over 3,000 retirees of AK Steel's Butler Works Plant in Pennsylvania in 2011.

DANIEL K. BRYSON is a managing partner at Milberg and is one of the nation's most respected and experienced attorneys in the area of consumer class actions and mass torts. Dan also has significant experience working with attorneys, funders, and other partners on international litigation projects in the Courts in Amsterdam, the United Kingdom, Belgium, France, Spain and Portugal, among others. For over 32 years, Dan has focused his practice on complex civil litigation, successfully representing thousands of consumers in a wide variety of defective product suits, class actions, and various mass torts and recovering more than \$1.25 billion for his clients in numerous states throughout the country. He frequently collaborates with other attorneys in order to assemble the most effective team possible. Dan has been lead or co-lead counsel in numerous national class actions and MDLs. Dan is a frequent lecturer and writer on a variety of consumer class action, insurance, and mass tort related disputes. He has been quoted by a variety of media outlets over the years including the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, New York Times, Law360, and Lawyers Weekly to name a few. He has been named as a member of the Legal Elite and Super Lawyers in North Carolina on numerous occasions. He has been awarded the designation of one of the Top 25 lawyers in Raleigh by Charlotte Magazine for a number of years including 2020. Dan is current serving as President of Public Justice, a nationwide public interest law firm. Dan is also an adjunct professor at Campbell Law School in Raleigh, NC where he teaches "Introduction to Class Actions and Multi-district litigation."

R. GLENN PHILLIPS is a managing partner at Milberg and has been practicing law since 1984 and has tried more than 100 civil jury trials. He is a managing partner at Milberg, and director of the firm's global operations. Mr. Phillips has received the highest rating from Martindale-Hubbell (5.0 out of 5.0) and is an AV rated attorney. Mr. Phillips started his legal career representing insureds on behalf of insurance companies, handling primarily wrongful death and product liability cases. In the mid-1990s, he began representing those injured by others, corporations, or by defective drugs and devices. Since then, he has been actively involved in the aggregation and prosecution of large groups of individual clients injured by corporate neglect. Mr. Phillips is a firm believer in the phrase, "leveling the playing field," allowing ordinary citizens to have access to justice through the courts and to being guided by experienced, aggressive, and ethical counsel. Mr. Phillips is a member of the Washington state bar. He is also a member of the American Association for Justice, an Eagle member of the Washington Association for Justice, and the non-profit organization, Public Justice. He is a frequent speaker before such national groups as The National Trial Lawyers, American Association for Justice, and Mass Torts Made Perfect, as well as various state trial lawyer groups.

MARC D. GROSSMAN is a managing partner at Milberg. Since beginning his law career in 1993, Mr. Grossman has focused primarily on representing large groups of plaintiffs against common defendants. In 1999, after six years of practicing plaintiff's personal injury law in state and federal courts in New York and New Jersey, Mr. Grossman founded the law firm of Sanders and Grossman, P.C. specifically to pursue claims on behalf of medical providers. This firm, and its successors, grew dramatically under his leadership, and now represent thousands of medical providers litigating claims against insurance companies, and thousands of injury victims.

Mr. Grossman had a vision of uniting the medical profession by affording them the opportunity to litigate nominal claims that were being written off by medical providers as uncollectible and had not previously been practical for most attorneys to litigate. By coordinating discovery, utilizing the most up-to-date case management technology, and recruiting top office administrators and trial attorneys, Mr. Grossman's firm was able to greatly improve efficiencies throughout the litigation process and ultimately the viability of collecting these claims. By filing over 100,000 individual lawsuits, Mr. Grossman's firms garnered the attention of the insurance industry and the medical profession in New York eventually leading to a series of mass settlements on behalf of his clients and recoveries in the hundreds of millions of dollars. In just 2006 and 2007, Mr. Grossman's firm personally litigated, negotiated, and recovered over 100 million dollars for his medical provider clients. The unique experience Mr. Grossman garnered as an innovator and leader in the mass settlement of medical claims and mass torts made him a leader in his field in negotiating and obtaining large recoveries.

Most recently, Mr. Grossman has represented hundreds of injured clients in lead paint litigations, asbestos litigations, mold litigations, and thousands of victims of defective drugs and products. Mr. Grossman received recognition litigating Vioxx cases in New Jersey Superior Court where he served as a liaison to the media as a member of the Vioxx Plaintiffs' Steering Committee's ("PSC's") Public Relations Committee, and as a liaison for the Committee to many financial institutions and governmental agencies, offering a common voice for the hundreds of attorneys handling such cases and the tens of thousands of victims they represent. These efforts and the hard work of many other relentless attorneys ultimately led Merck to agree to one of the largest Civil Settlements in American History for \$4.85 Billion.

In December 2010, Mr. Grossman was nominated and invited to join both The Board of Directors of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and the Executive Committee of Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Mr. Grossman is also a member of the Mass Tort Trial Lawyers Association and the Leaders Forum of the American Association of Justice.

Mr. Grossman has actively litigated for other large groups of plaintiffs in the following matters: *In re Avandia Mktg., Sales Practices and Prods. Liab. Litig.*; *In re N.Y. Bextra and Celebrex Prod. Liab. Litig.* in New York's Supreme Court, New York County; Case No. 273, *In re Bextra and Celebrex Litig.*, Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic County; Oxycontin Litigation in New York's Supreme Court, Richmond County; MDL-1708, *In re Guidant Corp. Implantable Defibrillators Prods. Liab. Litig.* in Minnesota; MDL-1699, *In re Bextra and Celebrex Mktg., Sales Practices and Prods. Liab. Litig.* in California; MDL-1742, *In Re Ortho Evra Prods. Liab. Litig.* in Ohio; MDL-1789, *In re Fosamax Prods. Liability Litig.* in New York; and MDL-1804, *In Re Stand 'N Seal, Prods. Liability Litig.*, where one of Mr. Grossman's firms serves on the PSC. One of Mr. Grossman's firms is also a court-appointed member of the PSC in the following mass tort litigations: *In Re Avandia*, *In Re Chantix*, *In Re Zicam*, *In Re Zimmer Knee*, *In Re Fosamax*, and the New Jersey state court coordination of Levaquin. One of Mr. Grossman's firms is co-lead in the NY Chantix Coordination and the New Jersey Reglan Coordination, as well as Risperdal in California, all Transvaginal Mesh PSC, and Propecia coordination.

After an \$8 million verdict in *Boles v. Merck* for a victim of Fosamax, Mr. Grossman, along with co-counsel, led the Trial Team in *Rosenberg v. Merck* which was the first bellwether New Jersey Trial in Atlantic County Superior Court. Mr. Grossman has become well known as a speaker and host of approximately 20 educational seminars designed to educate victims, the medical community, and other attorneys. Mr. Grossman has been quoted and has appeared in numerous local and national forums and in the media as a legal commentator and advocate of victims' rights against the corporate greed that plagues our nation. In January 2016, Mr. Grossman received the 2015 Litigator Award a significant distinction, achieved by less than 1% of all trial attorneys. This award is considered among the top honors bestowed on trial attorneys.

PEGGY J. WEDGWORTH is a senior partner and Chair of the Antitrust Practice Group at Milberg. She was an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn, New York from 1986 to 1989. Since leaving the public sector in 1989, she has handled numerous securities, commodities, antitrust and whistleblower matters, and is a Super Lawyer in New York, New York since 2016 and recommended in the Legal 500 United States for 2016. Ms. Wedgworth represents defrauded investors and consumers, and she currently represents consumers in *In re Contact Lens Antitrust Litig.*, and car dealerships in an antitrust action brought against software suppliers. She actively litigated *In re Initial Public Offering Sec. Litig.* for over five years, which settled for \$586 million, and *In re Merck & Co. Sec. Litig.*, which had a combined settlement totaling \$1.062 billion. She also won a jury trial against R.J. Reynolds in a wrongful death tobacco case in Florida state court. Ms. Wedgworth has litigated antitrust and commodities class actions on behalf of plaintiffs including extensive experience in all aspects of pre-trial discovery in, among other cases, *In re Brand Name Prescription Drugs Antitrust Litig.*, No. 94-897, 1996 WL 351180 (N.D. Ill. June 24, 1996) (approving \$351 million settlement); *In re NASDAQ Market-Makers Antitrust Litig.*, 187 F.R.D. 465 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$1,027,000,000 settlement); *In re Microsoft Litig.*, MDL 1332 (D. Md.) (consolidated class actions alleging long term unlawful maintenance of a monopoly and other anticompetitive conduct by Microsoft resulting favorable partial settlements); *In re Soybean Futures Litig.*, No. 89-7009 (N.D. Ill.) (\$21,500,000 class settlement providing claiming class

members/soybean futures traders a full recovery under plaintiffs' expert's formula); *In re Sumitomo Copper Litig.*, 74 F. Supp. 2d 393, 395 (S.D.N.Y. 1999) ("The recovery is the largest class action recovery in the 75 plus year history of the Commodity Exchange Act."); *Kohen v. Pac. Inv. Mgmt. Co., LLC*, No. 05-4681 (N.D. Ill.) (certified class of treasury bond futures purchasers alleging manipulation of the futures market); *Leider v. Ralfe*, No. 01-3137 (D.N.J.) (alleging price-fixing and monopolization in the diamond market by DeBeers resulting in a settlement of \$250,000,000 and extensive injunctive relief); and *In re Natural Gas Commodities Litig.*, 03-6186 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$101 million settlement). Ms. Wedgworth regularly speaks on topics relating to antitrust litigation, multi-district litigation and class action issues, and consumer matters. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association's Antitrust Committee, where she has served as both a speaker and panelist, and the American Bar Association, Antitrust Committee, and a member of the American Association of Justice.

RACHEL SOFFIN is a partner and practice leader in the Consumer Products Group at Milberg. Ms. Soffin has spent the majority of her career prosecuting class action cases, including state and federal class actions involving product manufacturers and retailers, deceptive trade practices, privacy violations, and insurance and banking disputes. Prior to joining Milberg, Rachel worked in the area of consumer class actions in Morgan & Morgan's Tampa office. Prior to her time at Morgan & Morgan, Ms. Soffin served as in-house counsel for one of Florida's largest employee leasing companies. For the last eleven years, Ms. Soffin's practice has been exclusively dedicated to consumer class action litigation. Ms. Soffin has successfully represented consumers in numerous class action cases involving a wide range of subjects affecting consumers, including product defects, racial discrimination, deceptive trade practices, and statutory violations: *Hamm v. Sharp Electronics Corporation*, 5-19-cv-00488 (S.D. Fla.) (over \$100M value settlement in action involving allegedly defective microwaves); *Berman et al v. General Motors LLC*, No. 2:18-cv-14371-RLR (S.D. Fla.) (\$40 million value settlement for consumers whose vehicles experienced excessive oil consumption and resulting damages); *Price v. L'Oréal et al*, No. 1:17-cv-00614 (S.D.N.Y.) (certified class action for alleged deceptive conduct involving labeling of hair care products); *De Leon v. Bank of America, N.A. (USA)*, No. 6:09-cv-01251-JA-KRS (M.D. Fla.) (\$10 million settlement for consumers subjected to violations of the Fair Credit Billing Act, a breach of their Cardholder Agreement and deceptive trade practices); *Swift v. Bank of America*, No. 3:14-cv-01539 (M.D. Fla.) (\$1 million settlement for consumers subjected to TCPA violations); *In re: Horizon Organic Milk Plus DHA Omega-3 Marketing and Sales Practice Litigation*, 1:12-MD-02324-JAL (S.D. Fla.) (\$1.3 million settlement value for consumers subjected to deceptive trade practices for misrepresentations regarding a milk product); *In re: Tracfone Unlimited Service Plan Litigation*, No. 13-cv-03440-EMC (N.D. Cal) (\$40 million settlement for consumers subjected to deceptive cellular phone data plan practices).

Currently, Ms. Soffin serves as court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel in the deceptive representations and omissions cookware MDL, *All-Clad Metalcrafters, LLC, Cookware Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, 2:21-mc-00491-NR (W.D. Pa.). Ms. Soffin also serves as court appointed counsel on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in litigation involving defective breast implants, *In re: Allergan Biocell Textured Breast Implant Product Liability Litigation*, 2:19-md-02921-BRM-ESK (D.N.J.). Ms. Soffin has been a lecturer at several conferences involving class action topics. Ms. Soffin is admitted to practice in the state courts of Florida and Georgia, and in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, the United States District Court for the

Southern District of Florida, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Ms. Soffin has been designated by Super Lawyers as a Florida Rising Star (2011-2013), and as a Florida Super Lawyer (2014-2018) in the fields of Class Actions/Mass Torts.

HARPER SEGUI is a partner and practice leader in the Consumer Products Group at Milberg. Ms. Segui is an experienced litigator who focuses her practice on representing plaintiffs in complex class action litigation, including defective products, false advertising and mislabeling, and data breaches. Ms. Segui has actively lead a variety of complex cases across the country, having been instrumental in procuring millions of dollars in recoveries for plaintiffs and class members. In addition to individual class actions, Ms. Segui has enjoyed playing active roles in multidistrict litigation and has several times been appointed by courts to serve on Plaintiffs' Steering Committees. She was recently appointed as Co-Lead Counsel in multidistrict litigation involving a data breach. Ms. Segui has a broad spectrum of class actions and complex litigation experience that includes consumer product defects, building product defects, construction defects, unlawful fee charges, automobile defects, false advertising, and data breaches. Although integrally involved in every aspect of her cases, Ms. Segui has particularly honed technical skills which arm her with the ability to develop complex issues of science and technology at the heart of her cases, including the ability to engage experts and present these technical aspects in court. She been appointed to a number of leadership roles, and provided integral support for many more. Representative cases include *In Re: Windsor Wood Clad Windows Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 16-md-02668, MDL No. 2688 (E.D. Wis.) and *In Re: Allura Fiber Cement Siding Litig.*, No. 2:19-mn-02886 (D.S.C.), where she also serves as Co-Class Counsel. She also played essential supporting roles, including as a member of expert teams, in *In Re: MI Windows and Doors, Inc. Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 2:12-mn-00001, MDL No. 2333 (D.S.C.), *In Re: Pella Corp. Architect and Designer Series Windows, Mktg., Sales Prac. and Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 2:14-mn-00001, MDL No. 2514 (D.S.C.). Ms. Segui has been regularly selected to Super Lawyers as a Top-Rated Attorney in the areas of "Class Action & Mass Torts." She has co-authored several publications on product liability and other topics, and has been a lecturer on complex legal issues.

ADAM EDWARDS is a partner and practice leader in the Consumer Products Group at Milberg. Mr. Edwards acts as the lead attorney on many of the firm's serious personal injury cases. He also serves as a primary litigator on many of the firm's class action, multi-district litigation, and defective product cases. He attended The University of Tennessee where he received his undergraduate degree in political science and served as a field office intern for United States Senator and former Senate Majority Leader, Dr. Bill Frist. After graduating from UT, Mr. Edwards was accepted into the Juris Doctor program at the Washburn University School of Law where he was awarded an academic merit scholarship after his first year of coursework. While at Washburn, Adam excelled in oral advocacy and was selected as the President of the Moot Court Counsel on Oral Advocacy. He was also selected as a member of the Order of Barristers. He received his JD after graduating with Dean's Honors in 2000. Adam's formal legal career started when he accepted a position as an Attorney at Husch Blackwell (formerly Blackwell Sanders) in Kansas City, Missouri in 2000. During the first four years of his legal career, Mr. Edwards successfully defended a number of well-known insurance companies and corporations in a wide range of litigation matters. Today, Mr. Edwards utilizes his extensive trial experience and diverse background to

advocate for personal injury victims and consumers who have suffered damages resulting from dangerous and defective products. Mr. Edwards was selected by fellow members of the Knoxville Bar as a "Top Attorney" in CITYVIEW Magazine's annual Top Attorney's issue. He was selected as a Top Attorney for a second time in 2010. In 2017, Mr. Edwards was named one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers by the American Trial Lawyers Association. He was also selected for membership into the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, an honor reserved for trial lawyers who have secured a settlement or verdict in excess of one million dollars.

ALEX STRAUS is a senior attorney at Milberg. Mr. Straus resides in California and is currently licensed to practice law in California, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, and South Carolina. For more than a decade, Mr. Straus has represented consumers, labor unions, and municipalities throughout the United States in practice areas ranging from complex tort and personal injury to antitrust and securities litigation. Prior to joining Milberg, Alex spent the majority of his legal career as a litigation attorney with Motley Rice LLC after a long career as an investigative journalist and author. In 2013, Alex authored an *amicus curiae* brief filed in the United States Supreme Court in support of a shipyard worker who died as a result of asbestos exposure. An avid writer, Mr. Straus co-authored with legendary trial lawyer, Ron Motley, a chapter in the book *Pathology of Asbestos-Related Diseases*, which was published in 2014. Mr. Straus has also authored two books, *Medical Marvels: The 100 Most Important Medical Advances* (Prometheus Books, 2006) and *Guerrilla Golf: The Complete Guide to Playing Golf on Mountains, Pastures, City Streets and Everywhere But the Course* (Rodale Press, 2006). The author of more than 100 nationally published feature-length articles, Mr. Straus won the New York Press Association Best Sports Feature award in 1999. As a law student at Roger Williams University School of Law, Mr. Straus was the 2009 recipient of the Kathleen Brit Memorial Prize for Alternative Dispute Resolution and served as law clerk for the New England Patriots, working with the team's General Counsel on real estate acquisitions, environmental compliance, and collective bargaining issues. Mr. Straus attended Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida and Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs in New York, New York.